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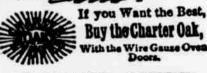
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A FEW YEARS HENCE.

▲ Dreamer Conjures Up Tales of Hardship for His Grandchildren.

He was sitting before a great fire at the club, with eyes half closed, when a friend roused him. "Dreaming, old man?" asked the

friend.

"Half dreaming, half musing," was the reply as the young fellow stretched hims if. "My grandfather has been telling of the hardships of early days, and I was wondering what I'd tell my grandchildren in that line."

"Couldn't think of much, could you?" "Well, I don't know. Hardship is hardship only by comparison with luxury. The luxury of one age is the hardship of the next. Now I conjured up a picture of my grandchild sitting on my knee asking me for a story."

Several men had gathered around the armchair and one asked:

"Did you tell a story?" "O. yes," replied the dreamer. I re-

member I told him that about 1890 I had a brother in New York. One day I received a dispatch that he was dying. I took the limited, and for twenty-six hours I was in an agony of doubt, fearful lest he should die before I arrived. I dilated a little on the terrible suspense and told how my appetite seemed to have left me."

"And what did the boy say?" asked one of the party.

"The boy? O, he wouldn't believe it at first: wanted to know if it was possible that there was an accident that delayed me, and if there was, why it de-

layed me so long. He figured it out, too. He said: "'Regular time from here to New York, two hours. O, they couldn't have delayed you twenty-four hours, grand-

"And when I told him that twentysix hours was the regular time he looked sorry for me and said:

" Poor grandpa. You must have had an awful hard time. And how slow you were in those days. Ate on a train, too! Dear me, I can go from here to San Francisco without getting hungry! Didn't the pneumatic tube work well?" "And then?" was the query as the

dreamer paused. "Then I explained that the pneumatic tube route wasn't in operation at that time, and drew out a little more sympathy by telling him about an exorbitant gas bill that I had received and had to pay, because if I didn't the company would cut off the supply. O, but he was surprised!

'Gas!' he exclaimed. 'What did you want of gas?"

"I explained that we used to light our houses with gas, and the boy couldn't pity me enough; said it must have been awful to have to depend on gas for light.

"But it was when I told him about going home one night when the electric lights on Clark street went out that his heart bled for me.

" You must have had a terrible time, grancpa,' he said. 'I wouldn't have lived in those days for anything.'

" 'My boy,' I said, 'we didn't have the comforts then that we have now, but those hardships are what made us the hardy race that we are."

Then the dreamer asked the crowd to leave him while he figured out another hard-luck tale for his grandson.-Chicago Tribune.

EUROPE'S ARMAMENT.

The Triple Alliance Vastly Inferior in Strength to the Opposing States.

According to a tabulated statement of the armed strength of the various European powers the triple alliance has 1, 137,-000 regulars and 3,972 guns to oppose the 1,347,000 regulars, and 5,698 guns of Russia and France. These figures, however, give a quite inadequate idea of the number of men in the field in case of war, as no account is taken of the reserves and militia. A better idea of the gigantie dimensions of the coming conflict may therefore be got from the statement of each state's full fighting strength: Germany, 1,080,000 in line and reserves, 620,-000 militia of the first call, 700,000 militia of the second call, that is, total without substitute reserves, 2,400,000; Austro-Hungary, 938,000 in line and reserves. and 438,000 militia, that is a, total of 1,375,000; Italy, 848,000 in line and reserves, and 372,000 militia, or a total of 1.220,000; France, 1,500,000 in line and reserves, 1,700,000 in the territorial army, or 3,200,000 altogether; Russia, 1,180,000 field troops, 832,000 reserves and substitutes, 193,000 troops for occupation, 154,000 Cossacks and 38,000 militia and border guards, a total of 2,392,000. Russia and France therefore can now place 5,590,000 men in the field against the triple alliance's 4,097,000. With even these figures, however, the hugeness of the great continental encampment is still inadequately described, for the landsturm of all five states has not been calculated. The landsturm is the militia of the very last call, which will not be summoned to fight till the final days of invasion and despoilation shall have come and the all but conquered people make one last effort to rally. In Germany and Russia the landsturm has not been counted. In Austro-Hungary it numbers 445,000; in Italy, 1,630,000, in France, 900,000. A moderate estimate, then, gives a total of 15,000,000 men ready to live or die by the sword. The universal liability to service, which keeps full the ranks of all five armies, varies somewhat in the different states. In Germany, Austro-Hungary. France and Italy active service lasts 3 years; in Russia, 5. The service in the reserves lasts in Germany LAURA CONCKLIN, 4 years; Austro-Hungary and France, 4 years; Italy 5; Russia 18. Service in the militia lasts in Germany 5 to 7 years; Austro-Hungary, 2: Italy, 4: France 6. Service in the landsturm lasts in Russia from the seventeenth to the forty-fifth year of a man's life; in Austro-Hungary, from the nineteenth to the forty-second. The total period

> -Miss Knowitall-"They do say Fred De Smythe actually wears stays." Miss Witsome (yawning)-"Well, he called last evening, and I concluded he was a stayer."-Spirit.

> of liability to service, including the

landsturm, is, in Germany, 28 years:

Austria, 23; Italy 19; France, 25; Russia,

MISCELLANEOUS.

-It is a very commendable thing, no doubt, for a donkey to endeavor to talk himself horse.-Boston Transcript.

-Two cooks of Ashland, Ore., one a negro and the other a Chinaman, indulged in a novel contest a few days ago to see which could clean a chicken in the shortest time. The celestial won in twenty seconds and the fovl was still kicking after being denuded of its feathers.

-There is a six-year-old Chinese girl in San Francisco that has blie eyes and flaxen hair. That she is a fill-blooded Chinese was established in he course of unsuccessful proceedings recently taken by the authorities to have her taken away from her parents on the ground that she was a white hild.

-A woman in Cleveland vent to a chiropodist and told him she vas afflicted with an in-growing toe na.. He diagnosed the boot she wore an found a roll of bills worn to fragmens in the toe. She raid him his fee an sent the money to Washington to be edeemed. She declares she must have sidden it there in her sleep.

-A horse in Macomb, Mich.has been used to go to church every Suday with his owner for years. Last Suday, for reasons best known to himsel he left the horse at home, and afterservices went out and there stood thefaithful animal in his accustomed plac by the church, waiting for him, but vithout

the carriage. -Count Taafe, the Austria prime minister, is almost as tacitura anan as Grant was. He is sparing of hi words, so that when he does speak in the chamber he is listened to withinusual interest. He dresses most pluly and in cool weather is usually wraped up

hat on his header a grand fete, such as society xpect him to furnish three or four ties dur ing the fashionable Paris sease. Hs official dinners for twenty-foupeope at a time cost about \$700 each. A d'nner, followed by an open recepta and dance, costs from \$2,500 to \$4.0. All these expenses come out of thallowance of 625,000 francs annually pivided by the nation.

"Waiter." "Yaas, sah." 'Have you some nice wheat cakes andmaple syrup?" "Yaas, sah; but boss, B 'vise you not to eat 'em now." "Why not?" Bettah wait, sah, till it's a leetle darker. De gloamin' is da bes time foh to eat dem wheat cakes an'maple syrup, sah." "Why?" "Well you see, sah, de red ants done got into that maple syrup an' it's a good dea pleasinger to eat it just after dusk, sah."—
Detroit Free Press.
—Felix L. Swald maintains that night

air from the outside is far more lealthful than the vitiated, disease-lader night air of ordinary human dwellings. In Germany successful experiments have been tried in summer of having patients with pulmonary disorders sleep all night in the open air of the pine woods. Night air is no more harmful than day Press. At any rate it is all we have to breathe at night, and it had better be fresh and pure as possible.

-It is estimated that the British mines will be exhausted in less than 600 to 800 years. It is further calculated that drawing upon only one of her fields, the Westphalian, Germany will not exhaust that before the end of the twenty-seventh century, but that by the beginning of the year 3000 the big coal fields of Bavarla and the Aachen and the Silesian districts will also be entirely used up. What will Europe do for fuel then? Fall back on the timber supply, of course. But the timber will also be a thing of the past.

-A young lady's exploits mentioned by the Portland Oregonian: "A few days since, Mr. Kahn, the fur dealer, while driving out of Empire City, Coos Bay, met a young lady riding into town with a rifle in her hand and the carcass re was one feature of the fight of a bear strapped across the horse behind her saddle. The young lady was at Wounded Knee which indicates

rifle, having belied a number of deer.

—A Farmer's Idea.—A farmer and to bury the dead. Suddenly a shot his wife, who had been doing Central eard and a horse fell wounded. park the other day, stopped at the Fifth troops were puzzled to know avenue entrance as they came out and the shot came from, but their turned for a last look. "Nice, isn't it?" fication was soon ended by a puff said the wife. "Purty darned fine, and ke from the top of a chimney-like no mistake." he heartily replied na neighboring bluff, the ring of "What's it wuth?" "Wall, that's hardball followed by the whip-like to say, as I don't know what land of a Winchester. An Indian shot fetches by the acre round here, but I'lgh the shoulder had managed to tell ye this. It we had this thing on outlimself to the rock and was firing farm jest as it stands. I wouldn't take the troops as fast as he could pull farm jest as it stands. I wouldn't take legger in his disabled condition. A cent lessen \$5,000 for it, and I'd gilgger in his disabled condition. A lessen \$5,000 for it, and I'd gilgger in his disabled condition. A \$6,000 if I could!"-N. Y. World.

camp meeting and in the attitude creach him, while his bullets were prayer was greatly annoyed by whro all parts of the battle grounds. seemed an especially persistent mo? fact was finally recognized that quito. First it perched upon his neclolitary wounded Indian with his and his impulse was to fetch it hester completey dominated the whack, but a sense of decorum rand that it would cost half a dozen strained him, and he gently dislodge to dislodge him. As it was not conit with his hand. Next he felt a ticed worth while to go to this exling sensation on one of his ears, and t the only thing to be done was to went the other hand. It was not losh off. The regiment accordingly before the pert was again foolistes, having been fairly driven off around the backer his neck. This time wounded man. I know of no the annoyance was too much for hier incident in authentic history .and, with his eyes still closed, he maouis Globe-Democrat.

feather from the hat of a young wom-ery serious decrease in the num-

Absence of Mind.

telephone, to realize that they are ast few years. Since 1888 the numface to face with the person they of samon taken in the face to face with the person they of from thirty-five thousand to nine-

coat and his collar and necktie.

· A clerk came into the room.

merchant.

-For coffee pudding, beat together one cupful of butter, one and a half cupfuls of sugar, one cupful melasses, one egg, one cupful cold coffee, four cupfuls prepared floor, one tablespoonful of cloves, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one grated nutmeg; add me-half pound each of raisins and currents, if desired. Bake, and eat with anysauce preferred. -N. Y. World.

-Fried Tomsoes: Cut ripe or green tomatoes in two or three pieces, mix a handful of In ian meal with some pepper and sal-dip the tomatoes into it and fry in outter, with care not to scorch. Le the slices upon a hot dish. make a grey of a cup of milk, two teaspoonfuls orn starch, little butter and salt and pour over them. - Boston

Budget. -Prey and inexpensive paper racks can be sade by taking bamboo canes or any list wood for frames, and covering it wit Chinese matting on which any prett design may be painted. In painting a matting bold effect should rather be ught than extreme carefulness of deal. Screens made of matting tacked or suitable frames are likewise very ptty, and by one who handles a paint ush readily, very easily made. - Chrisan at Work.

-Lemon Ice: The favorite is made y taking the juice of six lemons and in a gray overcoat, with a gra slouch he grated peel of three, and the juice and rind of one large sweet orange. -President Carnot expens from Step all together one hour, and then \$7,000 to \$8,600 each time thate gives stran and add one pint of water and one pint of sugar; stir well until the sugr is all dissolved, and then freeze. If ou open your freezer three times dung the operation, and stir up the counts well, it will improve the result. -Cod Housekeeping.

- good tooth powder can be made by iving six ounces of Peruvian bark withalf an ounce of sal ammoniae. Shalit well before using. Take a spooul and hold it near the teeth: therith a finger dipped into it rub the gunand teeth, rinsing thoroughly wit arm water afterward. This tincturures toothache, preserves the teeind gums and makes them adhere to sother.

T:wo ounces of finely grated cheese,

Biscuit: Put to the yolks of figs a quarter of a pound of fine sand the grated peel of one lemon, sem together for ten minutes then the whites to a firm froth and put I it to the yolks, mix it well, then e remainder: stir all very gently sy it with a spoon on sheets of ngth of a finger and quite a disapart, strew them with fine white lay the papers on baking tins hen the sugar dissolves put them moderate oven: let the door reopen five minutes, then close for quarter of an hour; when cold, he biscuit from the paper with a

airy at Defiance.

hind her saddle. The young lady was Miss Charlotte Nichols, of Empire City, who had started out to visit a place her father owns in the country and took her rifle along, and meeting the bear, shot it. She is quite an expert with the visit was over and the Indians had been or captured the cavalry set to rifle having killed a number of deer.

-A Maine man in attendance at ll was he covered that not a shot

a grab for it. What he caught was salmon in British Rivers.

city of a state sat at his desk one severn from twenty-nine thousand day in July. In order to secure so irteen thousand. Thirty years ago degree of comfort he had taken off

to speak with you through the tappointment and general superphone," said the clerk.

FIRESIDE FRAGMENTS.

-Potato Rissoles: Mix with mashed potatoes, salt, pepper and butter to taste, together with . well-beaten egg (if the eggs are smill you had better use twol. Make up the mixture into small rolls, cover sith egg and bread crumbs, and fry a boiling lard to a golden brown. Frain well on clean brown paper before serving. - Detroit

-rtlets: Make a paste with ounce of er, two ounces of flour, the yolk of gg, a little water, a pinch of salt. Mad roll out to thickness of half an ined line some small pans with it. be up in a bowl with the yolks of tuggs. Add pepper, salt, cayenne antmeg, according to taste-very lof the two latter will do. Then win three tablespoonfuls of cream, fish pattypan with the mixture and hn the oven until done -- Detroit

let each biscuit be the thickness

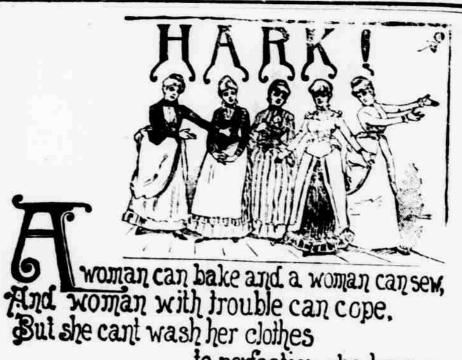
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of salmon taken in the Type has A prominent merchant in the capi thousand, and of salmon taken in was a similar condition of affairs. an act of parliament was passed ing boards whose duty it was to "His excellency, the governor, wis let fishing and restock the waters.

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